

“on a call readout, certainly after the first call, there were probably a half a dozen or more people that I read out. Those are people with the proper clearance and the need to know. In this case, because of the sensitivity of the call, Mr. Eisenberg told me not to speak to anybody else. I only read out, outside of the NSC, two individuals.”

So very interesting there. And it is interesting, too, that, you know, the fact is if Lieutenant Colonel Vindman, say hypothetically he leaked—as he had been suspected of in other case or cases—say he leaked in this case to people that didn’t have proper clearance, he probably would try to assert: I was named as a whistleblower, and once I had that status, you can’t prosecute me. And then there would be a motion to dismiss, this kind of thing.

And ultimately, the courts would say: Wait a minute. The whistleblower statute does not protect the whistleblower, because to protect a whistleblower, the person being complained about has to be within the department or agency from the person complaining. The President is not in the Intel agencies or department, and so it just wouldn’t work. And, of course, previously you had to have direct knowledge.

And I would submit, if you look, treason is something the President can be impeached for, but under the Constitution, that requires two people with direct knowledge as direct witnesses, not hearsay—can’t be hearsay—direct witnesses to a crime. They have to testify. If you don’t have two, you can’t prove treason under the Constitution. It is out.

And I would submit, the Senate would do well—if this is sent down there—to require the same thing of whatever bogus charge ends up coming their way, because that is all we have seen so far, but require two people with direct evidence. A bunch of people have been convicted of treason. No President has ever been removed. So if we are going to remove a President, it ought to require two direct witnesses as well. And so it ought to be a short trial.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and November 21.

Mr. COOPER (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and November 21 on account of birth of first grandchild.

Mr. LEWIS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o’clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the

House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 9 a.m.

BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF PAYGO LEGISLATION

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 255, the Big Bear Land Exchange Act, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 737, the Shark Fin sales Elimination Act of 2019, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 1446, the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2019, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

3033. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (18-1) [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0627; FRL-10001-30] (RIN: 2070-AB27) received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3034. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Second Limited Maintenance Plans for 1997 Ozone NAAQS [EPA-R05-OAR-2019-0216; FRL-10002-25-Region 5] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3035. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; West Virginia; Control of Emissions from Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills [EPA-R03-OAR-2019-0187; FRL-9999-80-Region 3] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3036. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Significant New Use Rules

on Certain Chemical Substances (17-3); Technical Correction [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0464; FRL-10001-43] (RIN: 2070-AB27) received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3037. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Quality Designation: FL; Redesignation of the Duval County Ozone Unclassifiable Area [EPA-R04-OAR-2019-0374; FRL-10002-48-Region 4] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3038. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Arizona; Maricopa County Air Quality Department [EPA-R09-OAR-2019-0497; FRL-10002-13-Region 9] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3039. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; GA; Miscellaneous Revisions [EPA-R04-OAR-2018-0711; FRL-10002-46-Region 4] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3040. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Illinois; Emissions Reduction Market System Sunsetting [EPA-R05-OAR-2019-0032; FRL-10002-26-Region 5] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3041. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a notification of a deployment of additional U.S. Armed Forces personnel to Saudi Arabia, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1543(c); Public Law 93-148, Sec. 4(c); (87 Stat. 555) (H. Doc. No. 116—82); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

3042. A letter from the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Fiscal Year 2018 Semiannual Report, Third and Fourth Quarters, pursuant to 6 U.S.C. 345(b); Public Law 107-296, Sec. 705; (116 Stat. 2219); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3043. A letter from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration’s Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress covering the period of April 1, 2019, through September 30, 2019; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3044. A letter from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration’s Performance and Accountability Report for FY 2019, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3045. A letter from the Board Chairman, Audit Committee Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation’s report to the President addressing the requirements of the Federal Managers’ Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3046. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National